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Exploring Early American Foods Topic For Symposium

The great variety of foods available in Early American homes and the many different methods of acquiring them is the focus of a symposium sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the History Department at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Presentations cover kitchen utensils and cooking technology, heritage and wild animals and plants, their processing, and purchased provisions. Speakers are curators and scholars from Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, Landis Valley Museum and Anne Arundel Community College.

The program is called "Before You Can Cook: Acquiring Foods and Kitchenware in Early America" and will take place on Friday, March 24, 2006 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person; prepaid reservations required by March 15. For information and registration forms, email susan.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov or phone Historic Collections at (703) 631-1429.

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